

BRIDGE ACROSS MISSOURI RIVER NEAR ST. CHARLES,
MO.

JANUARY 7, 1925.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. HAWES, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 3611]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3611) authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River, near St. Charles, Mo., having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it pass.

The bill has the approval of the War and Agriculture Departments, as will appear by the letters attached and which are made a part of this report.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *December 16, 1924.*

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Commerce, United States Senate.

So far as the interests committed to this department are concerned, I know of no objection to the favorable consideration of the accompanying bill, S. 3611, Sixty-eighth Congress, second session, authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River near St. Charles, Mo., if amended as indicated in red thereon.

Section 2 has been eliminated for the reason that the general bridge act of March 23, 1906, specifies the dates for commencing and completing the construction of bridges as one and three years, respectively, and it is thought inadvisable to change these dates, except in unusual cases.

As the navigable portions of the Missouri River do not lie within the limits of a single State, the consent of Congress is required under section 9 of the river and harbor act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151), for the construction of a bridge thereover.

JOHN W. WEEKS, *Secretary of War.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, December 17, 1924.

Hon. W. L. JONES,
Chairman Committee on Commerce, United States Senate.

DEAR SENATOR: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 10, 1924, transmitting a copy of the bill (S. 3611), with the request that the committee

be furnished with such suggestions touching the merits of the bill and the propriety of its passage as the department might deem appropriate.

This bill would grant consent of Congress to the St. Louis-Kansas City Short Line Railroad Co. for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a bridge and approaches thereto across the Missouri River at a point about 4 miles south of west of the city of St. Charles, in the county of St. Charles, Mo. It is the understanding of this department that the proposed bridge will be a railroad bridge exclusively. The department, therefore, can see no objection to granting the authority for its construction.

Sincerely,

HOWARD M. GORE, *Secretary.*

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